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Record of Discussions

At the Second Session of the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Cooperation in the Field of Water Pollution Prevention, September 16-18, 1974, in the United States of America.

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In accordance with the US-USSR Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection signed in Moscow on May 23, 1972, the Memorandum of the Second Session of the US-USSR Joint Commission dated November 16, 1973 and the Record of Discussions at the First Session of the US-USSR Joint Working Group of March 23, 1973, the Second Session of the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Cooperation in the Field of Water Pollution Prevention was held in Chicago from September 16-18, 1974.

The USSR delegation was headed by B. G. Shtepa, Deputy Minister, USSR Ministry for Reclamation and Water Management. The US delegation was headed by Dr. John L. Buckley, Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency.

The list of participants in the Session is attached in Appendix 1.

The points discussed at the Session were:

1. The results and progress achieved in implementation of the work planned for each project since the First Session of the Working Group in March, 1973.
2. Approval of the program of work for the period of 1975-1976.
3. Tentative programs of exchange of delegations during 1974-1976.

II

1. In the course of the discussions of the Working Group, both sides exchanged information on the outcome and the progress of work for each project.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction that cooperation on the projects has been conducted in conformity with the plan approved by the First Session of the Working Group in March, 1973. The results of work conducted in each project within the period of 1973-1974 are briefly given in Appendix 2.

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2. The delegations approved the programs of cooperation for the following projects:

- Studies and modelling of river basin pollution (Project II-1).
- Protection and management of lakes and estuaries (Project II-2).
- Effects of pollutants upon aquatic ecological systems and permissible levels of pollution (Project II-3).

The detailed work programs for each project are given in Appendix 3.

3. At the Session the Working Group discussed and agreed upon tentative terms and programs of visits in 1974-1976 of US specialists to the USSR and of Soviet specialists to the US. (Appendix 4).

4. The delegations agreed that the detailed programs of visits of the US and Soviet specialists should be proposed and confirmed by the sides not later than two months prior to the starting date of a visit.

5. The Soviet side provided to the US side a brief English-Russian glossary of terminology in the field of water conservation worked out by the Soviet specialists within the framework of Project II-1. The US side was invited to review the terms included and to suggest additions. The US side agreed to do so before September, 1975.

6. Both sides, having considered the planned cooperation, agreed that work in Project II-1 beginning in 1976 would be shifted to a new direction. This new work would be better described by the title, "River Basin Water Quality Planning and Management". This recommended change in title is subject to approval by the US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection.

7. Symposia will be held on Project II-3 in January 1975 and on Projects II-1 and II-2 in the third quarter of 1975, to summarize and discuss the results of each project to date. All reports and papers presented at each symposium will be published in both languages.

8. The delegations took into consideration the decision of the Second Session of the US-USSR Joint Commission on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection (memorandum of November 16, 1973) on the formation of a new working group to study the problem, "Pollution

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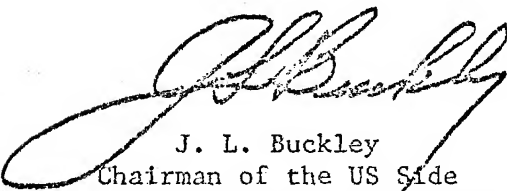
Prevention from Municipal and Industrial Sources". Accordingly, Project II-4, "Prevention or Treatment of Waste Discharges" has been excluded from consideration by this working group. A separate record of discussions by that Working Group is available.

9. Any problems that may arise in the process of cooperation will be decided through communication between the respective Chairmen of Working Groups, their authorized officials, or at regular sessions of the Working Group.

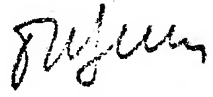
10. The Third session of the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Water Pollution prevention is planned to be held in Moscow, during the third quarter of 1975 simultaneously with the symposia on Projects II-1 and II-2.

Both sides express their satisfaction that the Second Session of the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Water Pollution Prevention continued the atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding, thus contributing to further development and strengthening of cooperation between the two sides. During the stay of the Soviet delegates in the US from September 13 to 27, 1974, they had an opportunity to get acquainted with the work of a number of scientific research centers, laboratories and offices of the Environmental Protection Agency in the following locations: Corvallis, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Lake Tahoe, California; San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. The delegation also visited Expo-74 in Spokane.

This Record of Discussions was signed in Washington, D.C. on September 27, 1974 in two copies, English and Russian, both copies being equally valid.



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